

# WEATHER & CROPS

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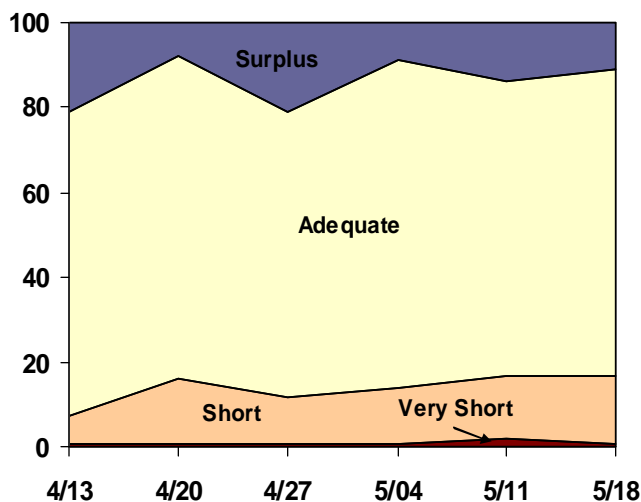
## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 2008

GENERAL: Most of North Carolina received rain this week with Wilmington recording 2.72 inches. Average temperatures were below normal and ranged between 50 to 67 degrees. Light rain showers dominated the Mountain region, with little drought relief being experienced. On the other hand, the Piedmont and Coastal regions have received more rain and crops are reaping the benefits. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work, unchanged from last week. Statewide soil moisture levels are rated at 1% very short, 16% short, 72% adequate and 11% surplus. Activities during the week included the planting of cotton, peanuts, sorghum, soybeans, sweetpotatoes, flue-cured and burley tobacco and harvesting hay, barley and truck crops.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
<b>PLANTED:</b>				
Cotton	70	34	79	77
Peanuts	56	25	60	56
Sorghum	34	29	38	31
Soybeans	20	10	22	24
Sweetpotatoes	44	20	29	20
Tobacco: Burley	62	61	N/A	16
Tobacco: Flue-cured	88	74	88	90
<b>PHENOLOGICAL:</b>				
Corn % Emerged	93	65	95	89
<b>HARVESTED:</b>				
Hay 1st Cutting	45	34	56	42
Truck Crops	55	43	49	78

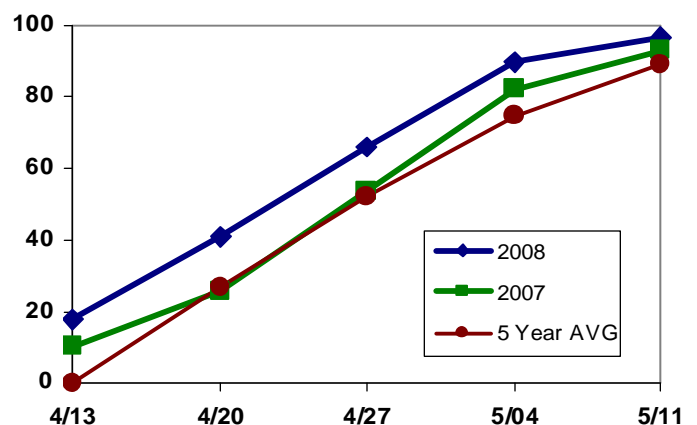
### SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT STATEWIDE



### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
State	1	16	72	11
Mountain Region	4	39	51	6
Piedmont Region	0	16	74	10
Coastal Plain Region	0	3	83	14

### WHEAT HEADED PROGRESS STATEWIDE



### CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Barley	0	0	7	75	18
Oats	0	0	11	69	20
Rye	0	0	4	61	35
Wheat	0	1	20	59	20
Cotton	0	3	39	51	7
Corn	1	1	24	57	17
Hay	0	2	31	55	12
Irish Potatoes	0	0	22	59	19
Pasture	1	5	34	47	13
Sorghum	0	7	10	78	5
Tobacco	0	0	25	54	21
Truck Crops	0	0	8	79	13

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

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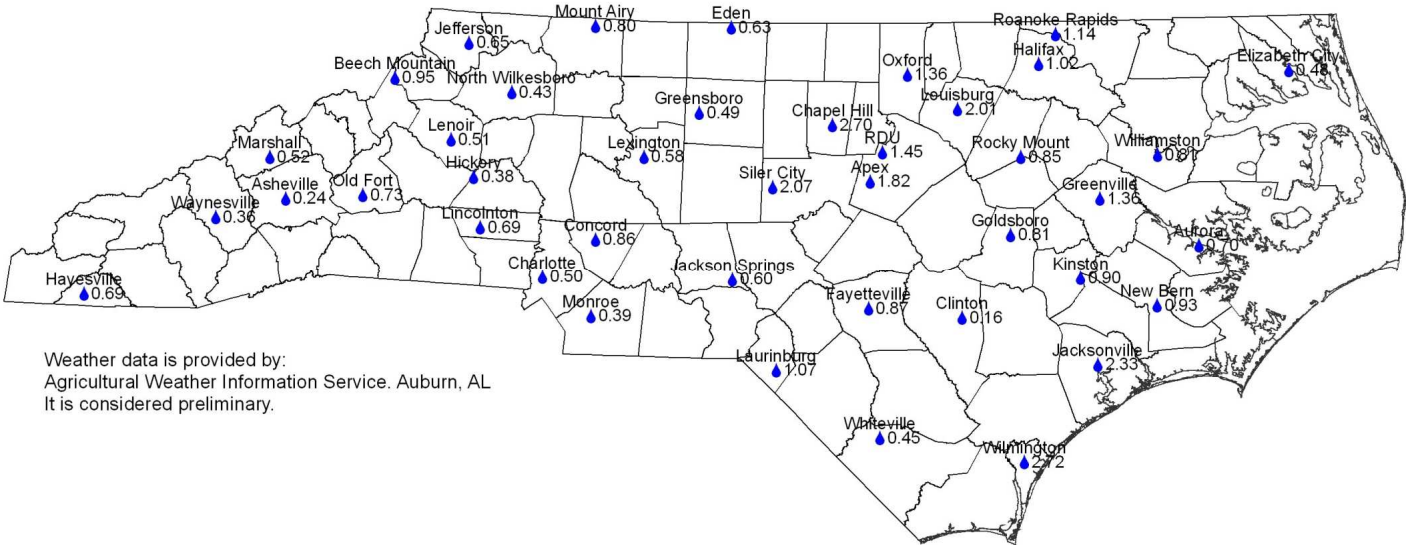
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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2008

Station Location	Precipitation (Inches) <sup>1</sup>				Temperature (Degrees F.) For This Week			
	Total This Week	Departure From Normal This Week	Total Since January 1, 2008	Departure From Normal Since January 1, 2008	High	Low	Average	Departure From Normal
Apex	1.82	0.83	15.73	-1.58	81	46	62	-6
Asheville	0.24	-0.79	14.29	-3.49	72	40	59	-5
Aurora	0.70	-0.40	17.67	0.15	82	47	64	-5
Beech Mountain	0.95	-0.38	16.30	-6.13	72	33	50	-4
Chapel Hill	2.70	1.65	19.15	1.45	81	46	61	-6
Charlotte	0.50	-0.41	13.69	-3.25	81	44	64	-4
Clinton	0.16	-0.95	17.35	-0.77	83	45	64	-5
Concord	0.86	-0.07	14.31	-2.94	83	46	63	-5
Eden	0.63	-0.34	13.89	-2.76	77	43	59	-7
Elizabeth City	0.48	-0.59	9.58	-7.94	82	40	63	-6
Fayetteville	0.87	0.07	16.20	-0.37	84	46	64	-5
Goldsboro	0.81	-0.11	18.10	0.05	82	46	62	-8
Greensboro	0.49	-0.44	14.51	-0.93	78	47	62	-5
Greenville	1.36	0.38	17.40	-0.30	83	45	65	-4
Halifax	1.02	0.04	20.58	3.42	82	48	65	-2
Hayesville	0.69	-0.22	20.74	3.62	74	37	58	-11
Hickory	0.38	-0.65	11.51	-7.16	80	45	62	-5
Jackson Springs	0.60	-0.27	16.25	-1.09	82	47	63	-6
Jacksonville	2.33	1.16	20.31	1.41	85	46	66	-4
Jefferson	0.65	-0.47	13.92	-4.15	71	37	54	-6
Kinston	0.90	-0.14	17.59	-0.53	83	44	64	-4
Laurinburg	1.07	0.25	18.15	0.90	84	47	64	-6
Lenoir	0.51	-0.54	13.82	-4.52	78	45	61	-6
Lexington	0.58	-0.33	11.97	-5.44	80	42	62	-7
Lincolnton	0.69	-0.36	13.39	-4.66	80	40	62	-6
Louisburg	2.01	0.96	15.84	-1.54	82	42	60	-6
Marshall	0.52	-0.32	12.77	-3.20	76	35	56	-6
Monroe	0.39	-0.45	12.20	-5.81	82	46	64	-5
Mount Airy	0.80	-0.21	13.89	-3.41	75	42	58	-8
New Bern	0.93	-0.13	15.12	-3.25	84	44	65	-5
North Wilkesboro	0.43	-0.59	13.77	-5.08	76	44	59	-6
Old Fort	0.73	-0.39	13.23	-6.27	75	40	57	-6
Oxford	1.36	0.42	15.13	-1.46	81	45	61	-6
Raleigh-Durham	1.45	0.54	15.82	-0.02	82	44	63	-5
Roanoke Rapids	1.14	0.16	18.27	1.11	81	46	63	-5
Rocky Mount	0.85	-0.09	14.85	-2.14	83	43	63	-5
Siler City	2.07	1.02	17.41	-0.83	81	46	61	-5
Waynesville	0.36	-0.62	16.97	-2.79	74	33	56	-5
Whiteville	0.45	-0.61	19.06	1.40	82	45	65	-5
Williamston	0.81	-0.22	16.16	-1.34	82	44	63	-5
Wilmington	2.72	1.71	16.47	-0.35	86	47	67	-4

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation data considered preliminary



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